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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: June 30, 2016
Complaint Number: 16-128710
Type of Incident: Criminal Sexual Conduct
Reporting Officer:
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Ben Cammenga

On 6/14/16, the Kent County Sheriff Department began an investigation into Frank Tjoelker, a 43 year old male from Grand Rapids, after a female victim contacted the Sheriff's Department about being inappropriately touched by Mr. Tjoelker.

The victim contacted Mr. Tjoelker about renting an apartment he owns in Byron Township. She found the apartment listed online and made arrangements to see the apartment and fill out an application. She went alone to the apartment and met Mr. Tjoelker to fill the application out. While she was filling out the application, Mr. Tjoelker approached her and began to rub her shoulders and touch her inappropriately. The victim was able to push him away and flee the apartment.

Kent County detectives were able to make contact with other females who had shown up to fill out applications for the apartment and had similar experiences with Mr. Tjoelker.

The Kent County Prosecutor's Office has charged Mr. Tjoelker with two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 4th Degree. Mr. Tjoelker is currently in the Kent County Jail with a bond of \$110,000.00 related to those charges.

The Kent County Sheriff Department is asking any additional victims or anyone with information related to this case to contact Detective Hinds at 616-632-6140.